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Please contact me anytime with questions, concerns or to share your priorities.

Sincerely,

Brian Sullivan

**Snohomish County Council,
District 2**



Happy

Welcome Hans Dunshee to the County

As many of you are aware, we have had a vacant council seat since the beginning of the year when Dave Somers became our county executive. Following the vacancy, the Snohomish County Democratic Party selected three nominees to be considered for appointment.

In the end, Rep. Hans Dunshee was the council's choice to fill the vacancy. Hans brings to the table years of crafting and negotiating budgets from his tenure in Olympia. During his time, he's been the chair of the powerful Capital Budget Committee and since 2015 he has been serving as the chair of the Appropriations Committee. Given our county's continued budget challenges, I believe that he will be a tremendous asset to help move our county forward.

We had three excellent candidates to consider, and I also want to thank Guy Palumbo and Mark Hintz for stepping forward, and for their continued service to our county in their other roles.

The 5th Council District includes the cities of Monroe, Snohomish, Sultan, Gold Bar, Index and Lake Stevens as well as large portions of eastern unincorporated

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Visiting our Federal Delegation in D.C.

In February, The National Association of Counties held an annual meeting in D.C. These meetings are also an opportunity for us to meet with our legislative delegation. The full council met with Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell, as well as Reps. Larsen and DelBene to discuss a range of critical issues. The Federal response to the Oso slide and FEMA rules; expanding investment in our transportation infrastructure such as the highway 2 trestle and highway 9 corridor; support for Community Transit as they expand to meet our commuting needs; FAA re-authorization and support for Snohomish County Airport; and protecting Naval Station Everett are all issues that I continue to press our federal legislators for their ongoing support.

I continue to be very pleased with our team in D.C. and their continued advocacy for issues that are important to Snohomish County. As one of the fastest growing communities in Washington, we must remain proactive in pushing for a strong federal partnership.

State Legislative Session in Olympia

We are nearing the end of the short 60 day legislative session in Olympia. As always, I've had the opportunity to travel there several times during this session to advocate for our issues. We have continued challenges with transportation and infrastructure investments that we need to be proactive about in the legislature. The legislature stepped up in a big way last year to fund a transportation package, but even with that investment - we will still need to work together for implementation of this plan, and for projects that have yet to be funded - like the U.S. 2 trestle. Additionally, we need to continue to push the state to fully fund public health and mental health programs that we leverage with county dollars to tackle problems like chronic homelessness and substance abuse. As the session winds down in the next week, I will be in continued contact with our legislators.

Supporting our Seniors



With Mayor Gregerson, Councilmember Cook and Mukilteo Seniors

In our county budget this year I worked to include money for our senior centers and senior programming in my district for the Everett Senior Center and for the Mukilteo Seniors Association. Last month I had the opportunity to join the Mukilteo Seniors as the Speaker for their monthly Luncheon. It was great to see many familiar faces and friends from my time in Mukilteo. I presented a ceremonial check to the organization and look forward to this county money supporting senior programming through the City of Mukilteo and I hope will help lead to planning for an eventual dedicated space for the Mukilteo Seniors as well.

**Things to do
District 2 & Snohomish County
Winter, 2016 - Courtesy of Snohomish County
Tourism**



[**Hibulb Cultural Center's Exhibit "Project 562" - Now through June 30th.**](#)

Mtika Wilbur is presenting portraits of Native

Americans devoted to the protection of the sacred and the natural. Project 562 aims to build cultural bridges, abandon stereotypes and renew and inspire our national legacy by documenting people from 562 Tribal Nations in the United States.

Village Theatre "Crimes of the Heart" - March 4th - 27th

Village Theatre presents "Crimes of the Heart", a Southern Gothic Comedy, by Beth Henley, a 1981 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Drama. This Southern comedy tells the plight of three sisters in 1975 rural Mississippi.

Cascadia Art Museum "Looking Back, Moving Forward" - Through May

The Cascadia Art Museum is dedicated to the legacy of Northwest Art. Cascadia presents private historic artwork, dance films, costumes and more by key Cornish 1/6/2016 Visitor Newsletter: Winter in Snohomish County, Washington 8/8 figures such as Merce Cunningham, Robert Joffrey and Mark Tobi.

Mukilteo Community Orchestra - March 6th

The Mukilteo Community Orchestra, conducted and directed by Trevor Lutzenhiser, will perform at the Rosehill Community Center; 425-263-8180, 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo. Free admission/donations accepted.

Everett Home and Garden Show - March 11th - 13th

The Annual Spring Everett Home and Garden Show will showcase a wide variety of vendors, seminars, displays, and offer raffles at Xfinity Arena.

I hope you found this eNewsletter to be informative and useful. You can make it even more valuable by suggesting topics and issues for future newsletters.